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SUPERPHOSPHATE OUTPUT TOPS PLAN;
REPORT FERTILIZER WASTAGE IN SOME AREAS

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

While the production of superphosphate in some parts of the country is expanding, in other parts of the country, poor organization in the transportation and delivery of the fertilizer results in wastage.

The Kokandskiy Superphosphate Plant produced 896,000 rubles worth of superphosphate above plan by 21 December, 1949.(1)

A large amount of mineral fertilizer brought to the Stende Station for kolkhozes in Tikum Uyzed is left to spoil on the swamp land by station workers.(2)

Similar complaints come from Port-Il'yich, where mineral fertilizers lie along the railroad bed for a distance of 300-400 meters. Cars loaded with superphosphates, saltpeter, and fertilizer compounds arrive at the station addressed to the Port-Il'yich inter-rayon office, Azsel'khozsnab (Asiatic Agricultural Supplies). Since the warehouses are overcrowded, the fertilizer is dumped directly on the wet earth. For weeks and months the fertilizers lie uncovered, spoil in the rain, and mix with dirt, sand, and gravel.

The fertilizers are for kolkhozes of the AstrakhanbazarSKIY, Masallinskiy, Lenkoranskiy, and Astarinskiy rayons. Yet, many of the kolkhozes of these rayons, even though they have paid for the fertilizer, are in no hurry to take it away, and rayon organizations do not consider it necessary to take steps to improve the situation.(3)

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